

# Court of Appeals Prepares for California Energy Suits

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*Dozens of attorneys gathered Tuesday (Sept. 21) in the atrium of the law library at the Court of Appeals in San Francisco for a case management conference related to civil suits against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Legal counsel present at the conference represented more than 75 parties in 108 consolidated cases challenging FERC rulings addressing the scope of refunds owed to electricity purchasers stemming from the 2000-2001 California energy crisis. Senior Circuit Judge Edward Leavy of Portland, shown at right, presided over the conference, which addressed how to structure briefings in the consolidated cases.*

